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CONJUGATED LIGANDS FOR THE STIMULATION OF BLOOD

CELL PROLIFERATION BY EFFECTING DIMERIZATION OF

THE RECEPTOR FOR STEM CELL FACTOR

1185 Avenue of the Americas New York, New York October 21, 2002

Honorable Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO MAY 21, 2002 OFFICE ACTION AND INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT AND PETITION FOR TWO-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

This Amendment is submitted in response to an Office Action issued May 21, 2002 by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified application. A response to the May 21, 2002 Office Action was due August 21, Applicants hereby petition for a two-month extension of time to respond. The fee for a two-month extension of time is FOUR HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$400.00), and a check including this amount is enclosed. Accordingly, a response to the May 21, 2002 Office Action is now due October 21, and this Amendment is being timely filed.

Please amend the subject application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1-20, 24, 25, and 28-47 without disclaimer or prejudice applicants' right to pursue the

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